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## REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowance of claim 4, subject to its being rewritten in independent form is noted with appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 4 and claim 3, upon which claim 4 depended. Therefore claims 3-5 have been canceled. Claim 2 has been retained as it now depends on amended claim 1 and thus is believed to be allowable.

Favorable action is therefore requested.

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